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SUBJECT: DEBRIEFING OF DETAINED FSLE ABU-HARTHIA

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1. CONSUL GENERAL AND PSO DEBRIEFED SUBJECT EMPLOYEE CONCERNING HIS TWO WEEKS DETENTION BY ISRAELI OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES ON THE WEST BANK. HE WAS FATIGUED BUT APPEARED OTHERWISE ALERT AND RESPONSIVE.

2. ABU-HARTHIA SAID HE WAS PICKED UP AT HOME WITHOUT EXPLANATION BY ISRAELI MILITARY SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT FEB 8 AND TAKEN TO HEBRON. THE INITIAL AND SUBSEQUENT INTERROGATIONS CENTERED ON DISCUSSIONS OF AN OPERATION ('AMALIYYA) ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED AT HIS HOME. ABU-HARTHIA MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THAT ANY OPERATION DISCUSSED AT HIS HOUSE CONCERNED PLANS FOR THE OPEN HEART SURGERY TO BE PERFORMED ON HIS DAUGHTER TO CORRECT A CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT. (AN OPERATION, IN FACT, WAS CARRIED OUT ON HIS DAUGHTER IN TEL AVIV ON FEB. 16.) ALL EFFORTS BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TO HAVE HIM ADMIT KNOWLEDGE OF TERRORISTIC OPERATIONS WERE TO NO AVAIL. ABU-HARTHIA SAYS THAT HE WAS CONFRONTED BY A NEPHEW IN HIS LATE TEENS WHO, UNKNOWN TO HIM, HAD ALSO BEEN DETAINED AND BY A 13-YEAR OLD FEMALE RELATIVE BOTH OF WHOM WERE ALLEGED TO HAVE STATED "AN OPERATION" HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT HIS HOME IN BATTIR. DURING THESE ENCOUNTERS, ABU-HARTHS MAINTAINS THAT NEITHER OF THEM REPEATED IN HIS  
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PRESENCE THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THEM BY THE ISRAELI

AUTHORITIES.

3. A MEMORANDUM, SETTING FORTH ABU-HARTHIS'S VERSION OF HIS  
DETENTION, WILL BE PREPARED AS SOON AS HE RETURNS FROM VISITING  
HIS DAUGHTER AT THE HOSPITAL AND WILL BE POUCHED TO THE  
DEPARTMENT AND TEL AVIV.  
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